



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Final Analysis

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(As Passed by the General Assembly)

- Reps.** Anielski, Conditt, Terhar, Patmon, Antonio, Clyde, Grossman, Blessing, Ruhl, Butler, Duffey, Phillips, Leland, Hall, LaTourette, Sheehy, Kunze, Sprague, R. Smith, Barnes, S. O'Brien, Patterson, Hackett, Brown, Gonzales, Celebrezze, Henne, DeVitis, Hill, Stinziano, Schuring, Romanchuk, Bishoff, Retherford, Dovilla, Baker, McClain, Thompson, Burkley, Rogers, Rosenberger, Dever, Hagan, Antani, Boyce, Boyd, Brenner, Buchy, Cera, Craig, Curtin, Derickson, Driehaus, Ginter, Green, Hayes, Howse, Huffman, G. Johnson, T. Johnson, Koehler, Kraus, Landis, Maag, Manning, McColley, M. O'Brien, Pelanda, Ramos, Reece, Rezabek, Scherer, Slaby, Slesnick, K. Smith, Strahorn, Sweeney, Sykes, Young
- Sens.** Balderson, Coley, Gardner, Manning, Bacon, Beagle, Brown, Eklund, Gentile, Hite, Hottinger, Hughes, LaRose, Lehner, Obhof, Oelslager, Patton, Peterson, Schiavoni, Skindell, Tavares, Thomas, Uecker, Widener, Williams, Yuko

Effective date: October 15, 2015

ACT SUMMARY

- Requires each state institution of higher education, by October 15, 2016, to develop and implement a policy to advise students and staff on suicide prevention programs available on and off campus.
- Requires the Department of Higher Education and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to post free suicide prevention materials and program information on their websites.
- Requires each state institution of higher education to provide incoming students with information about mental health topics, including available depression and suicide prevention resources.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Suicide prevention policy

The act requires each state institution of higher education, by October 15, 2016, to develop and implement a policy to advise students and staff on suicide prevention programs that are available on and off campus.

Each institution's policy must include:

- (1) Crisis intervention access, including information on national, state, and local suicide prevention hotlines;
- (2) Mental health program access, including information on the availability of local mental health clinics, student health services, and counseling services;
- (3) Multimedia application access, including crisis hotline contact information, suicide warning signs, resources offered, and free applications;
- (4) Outreach plans regarding educational and outreach activities on suicide prevention; and
- (5) Strategic plans to communicate effectively with students, staff, and parents after the loss of a person to suicide ("postvention").¹

Each institution must post the information concerning crisis intervention access, mental health program access, multimedia application access, and outreach plans on its website. Additionally, the Department of Higher Education² and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services must post free prevention materials and program information on their websites. The materials and programs must be reviewed annually by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction.³

Mental health information

The act requires each state institution of higher education to provide incoming students with information about mental health topics, including available depression and suicide prevention resources. The information must include available mental health

¹ R.C. 3345.37(A).

² H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly renamed the administrative office of the Board of Regents as the Department of Higher Education, effective September 29, 2015.

³ R.C. 3345.37(C).



services and other support services, including student-run organizations for individuals at risk of or affected by suicide.⁴

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	02-03-15
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Passed House (96-0)	03-25-15
Reported, S. Education	06-25-15
Passed Senate (32-0)	06-30-15

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⁴ R.C. 3345.37(B).

